Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* It is orderd that the members of the Ruling Family as well as the children of the Ruling Family should be given exemption.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* In the answer it is said that a sum of Rs. 75 more could have been collected, had there been no exemption. May I know how many were exempted?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Only one instance.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is it in the case of the children of the Ruling Family or the members of the Ruling Family that the exemption is given?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Both.

DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THE PAY-WARDS—REASONS FOR

381. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state why there was a substantial decrease in the number of patients admitted in the pay-wards from 241 in 1115 to 168 in the year 1116?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No definite reason can be given for the decrease in the number of patients admitted in 1116. Possibly it may be due to the fall in the incidence of disease among the class of people who resort to pay-wards and to the general economic depression.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether it may be due to other reasons also?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I don't understand the Hon'ble member.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is it because the doctors there are incompetent to deal with such cases?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* I do not think so—it is an unwarranted statement.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Many people are going to Madras now. Why can't they have the best doctors at Ernakulam and Trichur?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* They were going to Madras even before.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is the fall in the attendance of patients due to the increased rate of charges in the paywards?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* There is a substantial disparity in the figures given here. It has fallen from 241 to 168 in 1116.

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Of course, there has been a fall. It so happened last year that the number of cases fell down in the General Hospital.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* And you did not encourage deserving doctors too. So, they left the State service to places elsewhere. Dr. Sankarambal was a deserving doctor. You could not encourage her and she left us.

OPERATIONS DONE IN THE TRICHUR CIVIL HOSPITAL, THE GENERAL HOSPITAL AND THE MAHARAJA'S HOSPITAL, PALLURUTHI

382. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state why there is an apparently larger number of operations done in the Trichur Civil Hospital when compared with those done in the General Hospital and in the Maharaja's Hospital, Palluruthi, the operations in Trichur being 4,571 as against 917 and 573 in the General Hospital and Maharaja's Hospital respectively?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The increase in the number of operations done in the Trichur Civil Hospital when compared with those done in the General Hospital and in the Maharaja's Hospital is because the number "4571" includes both major and minor operations. Only 472 major operations were performed in the Civil Hospital in 1116. The figures 917 and 573 represent the major operations performed in the General Hospital and Maharaja's Hospital respectively.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Hon'ble member in charge of medicine say that hereafter this sort of confusing statements will not appear?

Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* He will certainly see to it.

VOLUNTEER CORPS—STARTING OF

383. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Do Government encourage starting of volunteer corps in various parts of the State with a view to safeguard people from looting and other internal disorders?

Rao Bahadur M. Narayana Menon *(Commissioner of Police):* Government have not encouraged the starting of such volunteer corps in the State.

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